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RICHARD P. CRENSHAW,

82, a retired intelligence officer with the Central Intelligence Agency, died of congestive heart failure July 9 at Georgetown University Hospital.

Mr. Crenshaw joined the CIA in 1951 and held several posts in Latin America. He also was staff representative for the Interagency Working Group on Latin America, Antarctica and Iceland while on loan to State Department. He retired in 1962.

A native of Martinsburg, W.Va., Mr. Crenshaw moved to Washington in 1914. He was a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School and before World War II he practiced law in New York. He served in the Army Air Forces in North Africa, England and Washington during the war and won the Legion of Merit.

He was recalled to active duty in the Air Force from 1949 to 1951 and was assigned to the legislative division in the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force.

Mr. Crenshaw, a resident of Washington, was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, the Society of the Cincinnati, the Colonial Lords of the Manor, the Jamestowne Society, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the American Legion and the English-Speaking Union.

His marriage to the former Mary Groesbeck Cabell ended in divorce. There are no immediate survivors.